## Senate Study Bill 3079 - Introduced

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ВУ	(PROPOSED COMMITTEE
	ON EDUCATION BILL BY
	CHAIRPERSON SINCLAIR)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the rights of parents and guardians of
- 2 students enrolled in school districts.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **279.76 Parent or guardian bill of** 2 rights.
- 3 1. All of the following parental rights are reserved to
- 4 the parent or guardian of a minor child without obstruction or
- 5 interference from the board of directors of the school district
- 6 in which the minor child is enrolled:
- 7 a. The right to know what the board of directors of the
- 8 school district in which the minor child is enrolled is
- 9 teaching the minor child, including the textbooks, books,
- 10 articles, outlines, handouts, presentations, videos, and any
- 11 other similar materials the board of directors of the school
- 12 district uses for student instruction.
- 13 b. The right to access and review information related to
- 14 who is teaching the minor child, including guest lecturers and
- 15 outside presenters.
- 16 c. The right to access and review information related to
- 17 persons who contract with or otherwise receive moneys from the
- 18 board of directors of the school district.
- 19 d. The right to reasonable access to the minor child while
- 20 the minor child is in school to ensure the minor child's health
- 21 and safety, unless otherwise prohibited by law.
- 22 e. The right to access and review all school records
- 23 relating to the minor child.
- 24 f. The right to access and review information related to the
- 25 collection and transmission of information related to the minor
- 26 child, including assessment information, documents created by
- 27 the minor child, and teacher evaluations of the minor child.
- 28 g. Subject to section 22.7, the right to access and
- 29 review information necessary to ensure the accountability and
- 30 transparency of the board of directors of the school district
- 31 in which the minor child is enrolled.
- 32 h. The right to access and review information related to the
- 33 minor child's safety while at school.
- 2. a. The board of directors of a school district shall
- 35 not require any student to engage in any activity, including

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- 1 instruction, or any test, assessment, or other means of
- 2 evaluation, that involves obscene material without the express
- 3 prior written consent of the student's parent or guardian.
- 4 b. The board of directors of a school district shall not
- 5 allow a minor child to access obscene material in a classroom
- 6 or to check out obscene material from a library operated by the
- 7 board of directors of the school district without the express
- 8 prior written consent of the minor child's parent or guardian.
- 9 c. For purposes of this subsection, "obscene material" means
- 10 the same as defined in section 728.1.
- 11 3. The rights guaranteed to parents and guardians by this
- 12 section are not a comprehensive list of the rights reserved
- 13 to parents or guardians of a minor child. The enumeration of
- 14 the rights contained in this section shall not be construed to
- 15 limit the rights reserved to parents or guardians of a minor 16 child.
- 17 EXPLANATION
- 18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 20 This bill relates to the rights of parents and guardians of
- 21 students enrolled in school districts.
- The bill creates new Code section 279.76 (parent or guardian
- 23 bill of rights). The bill provides that, notwithstanding any
- 24 provision of law to the contrary, the following rights are
- 25 reserved to the parent or quardian of a minor child: the right
- 26 to know what the board of directors of the school district
- 27 in which the minor child is enrolled is teaching the minor
- 28 child, the right to access and review information related to
- 29 who is teaching the minor child, the right to access and review
- 30 information related to persons who contract with or otherwise
- 31 receive moneys from the board of directors of the school
- 32 district, the right to reasonable access to the minor child
- 33 while the minor child is in school to ensure the minor child's
- 34 health and safety, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the
- 35 right to access and review all school records relating to the

- 1 minor child, the right to access and review information related
- 2 to the collection and transmission of information related to
- 3 the minor child, the right to access and review information
- 4 necessary to ensure the accountability and transparency of
- 5 the board of directors of the school district, and the right
- 6 to access and review information related to the minor child's
- 7 safety at school.
- 8 The bill provides that the board of directors of a school
- 9 district shall not require any student to engage in any
- 10 activity, including instruction or any test, assessment, or
- 11 other means of evaluation that involves obscene material
- 12 without the express prior written consent of the student's
- 13 parent or quardian. The bill also provides that the board of
- 14 directors of a school district shall not allow a minor child to
- 15 access obscene material in a classroom or to check out obscene
- 16 material from a library without the express prior written
- 17 consent of the minor child's parent or guardian. The bill
- 18 defines "obscene material".
- 19 The bill provides that the rights guaranteed by new Code
- 20 section 279.76 are not a comprehensive list of the rights
- 21 reserved to parents or guardians of a minor child.